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Living the Dream: "Let freedom ring!"

By DAVID CHARLES MILLS

The theme of the Second Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is "Living the Dream: Let Freedom Ring." As America prepares to celebrate Dr. King's birthday, it is clear many people have little or no knowledge of what moved Dr. King and his co-workers to educate, organize and agitate America's leadership to live up to the principles they preach but fail to practice.

What did Dr. King do to become famous? Is it not easy to say what people have done? Washington made America a nation. Lincoln freed the slaves and saved the nation. Dr. King imbued his people with a sense of dignity and self respect, and helped force America to give African-Americans many of the rights embodied in the Constitution. But how? Stars are there, obvious to our eyes and senses. But how do people reach them? What of the way, method, means, impulse and the opposition?

Before attempting to answer these questions, one must know something about the man.

Dr. Martin Luther King

Jr., born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929, was named for Martin Luther, a famous German Christian who started the Protestant Reformation in 1517 by posting 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg. By posting those 95 Theses, Martin Luther was protesting the wrongful and unchristian practices of the Catholic Church.

In that same spirit Dr. King protested the wrongful and unchristian acts America perpetrates against African-Americans.

Dr. King is one of the most important ministers, civil libertarians, theologians and scholars in world history, and the most important civil rights activist in American history. Dr. King wrote five books: Stride Toward Freedom: the Montgomery Story (1958), Why We Can't Wait (1963), Strength to Love (1963), Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community? (1967), and Trumpet of Conscience (1968), which was published posthumously. Dr. King wrote other articles and

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"Every now and then I think about my own death, and I think about my own funeral... I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell them not talk too long... Tell them not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize... Tell them not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards.. I'd like somebody to mention that day, that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to give his life serving others. I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to love somebody...."

TSU officials risk and lose University funds

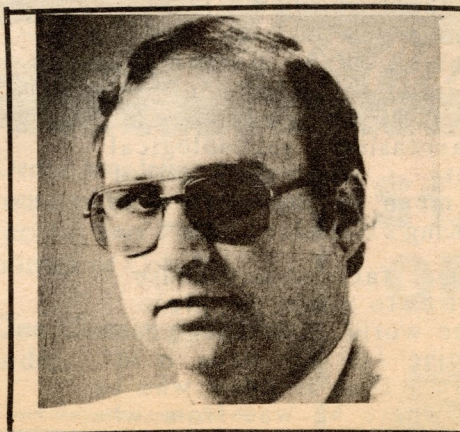
A now bankrupt Arkansas securities dealer appears to have taken Tennessee State University to the cleaners for an \$83,000 loss, including interest, in what TSU officials thought was a risk free \$1 million investment.

"It seemed like an extremely safe investment at the time," said Ron Dickson, TSU vice president for business affairs, in a recent (Nashville) Tennessean story. "It wasn't like buying stock or speculating with state money."

The deal began in August

1985 when university financial officers invested \$1 million in a U.S. Treasury note through Brittenum & Associates, Inc., a registered Little Rock brokerage house. Then in January 1986 the firm filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which meant that all assets would be liquidated and proceeds would go to reimburse creditors and customers.

So far, TSU has received \$520,000 with a \$477,000 check due, bringing the total recovered to 997,000, a Brittenum & Associate said. The figures were said to include a



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Ron Dickson

repayment of \$950,000 in principal and \$47,000 in interest.

The one-year Treasury note, the story said, should have yielded \$80,000 in interest. TSU has yet to regain \$50,000 in principal and \$33,000 in interest if it is to receive all it is due, the firm spokesman said.

Dickson reportedly said he remains optimistic TSU will not lose on the transaction, while noting that the university doesn't normally invest its money out of state.

Martin Luther King leaves legacy

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sermons that are in various American collections, and received hundreds of awards and honors, notable among them, the 1963 Nobel Prize for Peace, and a national holiday.

Dr. King's impulse was a vision of a new world, and the wonder of an open mind in the hands of a loving God. This impulse caused Dr. King to think, observe, postulate, prove, know and dream. He sought to travel the "straight and narrow way" using non-violence rooted in redemptive love as the means to realize his vision.

Upon capturing the hearts, minds, bodies, spirits, and souls of thousands of men and women, Dr. King encountered the opposition of sheriffs, mayors, governors, senators, congressmen, businessmen, ministers, the FBI, CIA, a president, the Ku Klux Klan and other racist groups.

Ironically, Dr. King's vision led to violence. Three men, Goodman, Schwerner and Chaney, were killed in Meridian, Mississippi, for pursuing Dr. King's vision. Churches and homes were bombed, most notable among them was a Birmingham, Alabama, church that was bombed as children prepared for Sunday School. Three of those children were killed. Thousands of other people were beaten and jailed, and Dr. King was imprisoned nineteen times in pursuit of his vision.

Domestically, Dr. King's leadership led to passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Racial segregation of African-Americans in travel, marriage, lodging, parks, swimming pools, stores, schools, water fountains, and other public accommodations was abolished as a result of his vision.

The unfettered right to vote was also extended to African-Americans as a result of his vision. It was in international affairs, however, that Dr. King's vision posed its most fundamental challenge to the social order he sought to change.

In 1962 Dr. King condemned South African apartheid in a speech at Hunter College in New York. In his book, Where Do We Go From Here, Dr. King noted:

"The classic example of organized and institutionalized racism is the Union of South Africa. Its national policy and practice are the incarnation of the doctrine of white supremacy in the midst of a population that is overwhelmingly black.

But the tragedy of South Africa is not simply in its own policy; it is the fact that the racist government of South Africa is virtually made possible by the economic policies of the United States and Great Britain, two

countries which profess to be the moral bastions of our western world...

We have been notoriously silent about the more than \$700 million of American capital which props up the system of apartheid...." (pp. 173-174)

Dr. King proffered this analysis twenty years ago. Today, Anglo-American corporations still capitalize 54% of all the companies on the South African Stock Market, in spite of the fact that Congress, over President Reagan's veto, recently imposed economic sanctions against South Africa.

Additionally, Dr. King's opposition to America's war in Vietnam was perhaps the most important international issue he addressed, and the one that probably cost him his life. It is no coincidence that Dr.

King made his major address against the war in Vietnam on April 4, 1967 at Riverside Baptist Church in New York, and was assassinated April 4, 1968 on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

As the primary heirs and keepers of Dr. King's legacy, African-American men and women must advance and protect the integrity of Dr. King's legacy. In America today, 48% of all African-American children are born out of wedlock, 3 million people are homeless, 20 million live in poverty, and it is predicted that 500,000 people will commit suicide this year alone.

Of the 10,728 people who were killed with handguns in 1984, nearly 50% were young black men; 90% of those young black men were killed by other black men.

Of the 1,049 African-Americans who received doctorates (Ph.D's), only 15 were in engineering, 13 in business administration, 11 in physics, 4 in mathematics, and 3 in computer science. With such small numbers in the fields of highest demand, where are we going to get teachers and professors for our schools? 700,000 blacks, moreover, will not even graduate. Many of those who do graduate will not be adequately equipped to live in an increasingly technological society. What does all of this mean in the context of Dr. King's birthday?

These facts should cause all of us to assess our place in the world. Dr. King's meaning for our lives is in the fact that he knew who he was, where he was from, what his people had been and done, what history demanded of him, what his talents were, and what his purpose was. His

choice of a vocation was consistent with the purpose of his life.

Dr. King's legacy demands that we "... preach good

tidings unto the meek, he hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God" (Isaiah 61:1-2), and to "Perfect a people for His namesake."

To advance and protect Dr. King's legacy one must know what the legacy is, the foundation of its existence, the source of its authority, and the limitations of its implementation. With these thoughts in mind, everyone needs to read Dr. King's writings and understand the context in which he wrote them.

If Dr. King's legacy is allowed to be bastardized by an illicit intercourse between unknowing heirs and keepers of his legacy, and the empty thoughts and thoughtless actions of America's blind leadership, "we shall surely be dragged down the long, dark, and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight." "Living the Dream: Let Freedom Ring" means knowing that the struggle to redeem the lost, confused and turned out is a lifetime struggle that begins right here at TSU.

GE awards \$25,000 grant to Engineering

Tennessee State University's School of Engineering and Technology recently received \$25,000 from General Electric Foundation to complete a \$ 75,000 Mainstream Award presented by the organization in September 1984.

The award to the School of Engineering and Technology was payable in equal amounts over three years.

The purpose of the Mainstream Award is to improve the quality of undergraduate engineering education at TSU. Since 1969 to present, a total of \$ 375,000 has been awarded to the School of Engineering.


"General Electric has been very supportive of our effort to excel in engineering education. The new grant of \$25,000 will be used toward promoting our activities especially in the areas of faculty and student development," said Dr. Edward I. Isibor, dean of the School of Engineering and Technology.

"In 1987, we intend to make decisions on a new grants based on past performance and the merit of the proposals submitted to us for future programs," stated Paul M. Ostergard, president of General Electric Foundation.

"Commitments will be for one year, with the possibility for renewals based on progress and results," Ostergard said.

"It is gratifying it see the progress that has been achieved and to have had a part in making it possible," Ostergard said.

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TSU Foundation aids students

By DAVID HILL

There are many components important to the well being of today's universities.

One such facet at TSU is the Tennessee State University Foundation, a non-profit organization "whose mission is to promote and support literary, scientific, educational scholarships and research to solicit gifts and grants from alumni, faculty, friends, businesses and individuals, while also managing and dispensing these funds," according to a foundation handout.

Since being established in 1970 the foundation has provided an invaluable service to Tennessee State and its students.

The foundation is currently involved in its annual campus fund raising drive which includes helping students with financial needs, increasing the endowments which allow additional scholars to be recruited and indicating to our external public that we are committed to the university.

The annual campus fund is used for scholarships, presidential loans and much more. The fund is the brain child of Dr. Calvin O. Atchison, recently retired director of development and now chairman of fund drive operations. Dr. Atchison and the fund drive committee have raised \$33,000 since the drive started early this year.

The drive was set to end in November but was extended to try and reach it's goal of \$40,000. Last year the fund turned in over 44,000 to the foundation. Dr. Atchison feels that students should be more than willing to contribute to the fund drive because "they will be making the contribution to themselves." Atchison pointed out that many students have been able to attend school solely because of these fund drives.

"There are at least forty or fifty organizations on this campus," said Atchison. "If each would give only a hundred dollars, there would be no problem in reaching our goals each year."

Those interested in making a contribution should send your pledges to Tennessee State University Foundation Annual Campus Campaign, P.O. Box 243, or call (615) 320-3700 or 3705.

As we approach a new semester and new classes in this the 75th year of existence for this great out post of higher learning it is important to remember that as students and alumni we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Tennessee State for enriching our lives and realize that the institution is only as great as the people it serves and the people are only as great as the institution that they love.

McWherter celebrates inauguration

A week-long series of regional receptions and three days of festivities in Nashville will mark the inauguration of Governor-elect Ned McWherter as Tennessee's 46th governor, Martha Ingram, chairman of the Inaugural '87 Committee, announced.

The theme of the inaugural is "Our Best Is Yet To Come." The theme was taken from McWherter's campaign speeches, in which he frequently promised that the best is yet to come for Tennessee.

One of his promises is to name a permanent president at Tennessee State University within 90 days following his inauguration.

In keeping with the theme, the inaugural celebrations will offer the best of Tennessee entertainment, hospitality and culture.

"We want to include all Tennesseans in this celebration of Ned McWherter's inauguration, no matter where they live. We want all Tennesseans to share in the excitement, just as they are going to share in Tennessee's government for the next four years. That's why we decided to take the celebration to the people with receptions in all areas of Tennessee before the actual inaugural ceremonies in Nashville, Ingram said.

Official inaugural activities will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 17 with the

Inaugural Prayer Service at Nashville's Downtown Presbyterian Church. The service will feature clergy from various denominations and music from choirs throughout Tennessee.

The formal inaugural ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on the Legislative Plaza in front of the War Memorial Building with the traditional convening of a joint session the Tennessee General Assembly.

Immediately following the ceremony and McWherter's inaugural address, the new governor will swear in his cabinet in the House Chambers of the State Capitol.

The Inaugural Parade,

featuring units from every Tennessee county, will begin at noon. McWherter and various dignitaries will review the parade from a stand on the Legislative Plaza across from Deaderick Street.

The festivities will conclude on Sunday with an Open House at the Governor's Residence on Curtiswood Lane. Parking for the event, which will run from noon until 5 p.m., will be provided at various area churches and schools. Shuttle buses will be used to transport guest to and from the Residence.

All the inaugural activities are open to the public and free of charge unless otherwise noted.



Governor-elect Ned McWherter meets with members of his Inaugural Committee to review to his Jan. 17 inaugural sent. From left they are McWherter, Inaugural Executive Director Dancy L. Jones, Invitations Committee Chairman Pat Mathews and Inaugural Chairman Martha Ingram.

Child Care Center provides service

If you are a working adult and would like to continue your education by taking evening classes, but cannot afford a sitter for your children, Tennessee State University can accommodate your needs.

For the convenience of downtown students and staff, the TSU Child Care Center is open Monday thru Thursday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the Avon Williams (Downtown) campus, 10th & Charlotte, with a minimal fee of \$1 per hour and .25 cents per hour for each additional child. Children ages 3-12 years old are

tended by child care professionals.

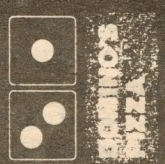
According to the Governor's Task Force Report (August, 1986), "It is imperative to address the need for good, affordable, accessible day care for the children of working parents." One method explored in the report was employer-supported child care centers. Such a center has been a reality at TSU since 1972.

"The center is truly unique," said Tracey Besley, director of the Child Care Center. "No other Nashville

campus offers evenings and night child care for student, faculty and staff parents," stated Besley.

"Many of our students who are parents have stated that the center's existence made it easier to return to school at night and complete degrees in a quality education environment," Besley said.

For more information about the center, please call the Student Services office on the Williams (Downtown) campus at 251-1561.

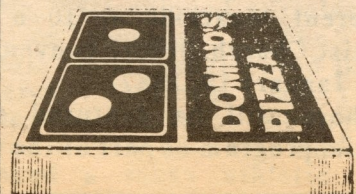


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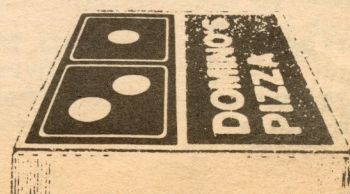
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Living the Dream:
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Monday, January 19, 1987

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Schedule of Events:

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11:00 A.M. March to Legislative Plaza
12:00 Noon PROGRAM at Legislative Plaza
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Speeches
Awards

ASSEMBLY SITES:

Area:	Site:	Addresses:
Northwest	Jefferson St. Missionary Baptist Church	2708 Jefferson St.
North	Citizens Bank	2013 Jefferson St.
South	Bethel AME Church	1300 South St.
Southeast	Mt. Ararat Baptist Church	36 Fairfield Ave.
East	First Baptist Church, East Nashville	601 Main St.
Central	First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill	900 Jas. Robertson Pkwy.

What's happening to King's Dream? "Look at Us"

By SHAUNA WOODS

Look at us 20 years ago
Look at us today
Look at us 20 more year from now
I'm so glad love's finding a way

Look at us 20 years ago black and white could not see
People loving each other in a world of peace and harmony
Garbage man on strike, I'm free now please give me my rights
People marching in the streets, let freedom, let freedom ring
God created us all equally we stand divided we fall
Join hands now come along with me
Oh what goodness God,s love can bring

Look at us today, we have come such a long, long way
From nigger sit in the rear no blacks are allowed in here
Now I'm kinda glad I was too young to see the pain in 1960's
I must say yes we have come far but the best has yet to come
We must follow the master plan, we must educate our fellow
man Dr. King has helped us to see, love is the key
Remember violence want bring about peace
Join hands now come along with me
Oh what goodness God's love can bring

Look at us 20 more years from now
the world is in our children's hands
Be careful people let's not mess it up
Give our children a chance
To build worlds enhanced by peace
Loving each other no matter what race or creed
Spreading God's goodness all across the land
Join hands come along if you understand

Look at us 20 more years ago
Look at us today
Look at us 20 more years from now
I'm so glad love is finding a way.

World News Roundup

Compiled By KIM HOOPER

INTERNATIONAL

IRAN ARMS DEAL, WHAT'S NEW: REAGAN SOUGHT AID

President Reagan was involved "personally" in efforts to obtain money for non-lethal aid to the contras at a time when U.S. military aid was banned by law. NBC News quoted a source as saying Saudi Arabia contributed \$31 million to the contras last summer.

WHITE HOUSE, CIA FAULTED

The White House and CIA violated key statutes and failed to properly monitor the arms deal, according to conclusions reached--but deleted --from the secret Senate report, the Washington Post reports.

EMBASSY ARMS DEAL

Two Army colonels sold arms to Iran for private profit as early as 1983, from their posts in Paris and London, but officials have dropped plans to investigate, published reports say. Colonels Ralph Broman and William Mott IV, both retired, denied any impropriety.

WEAPONS TO CONTRAS

The Los Angeles Times, citing the secret Senate report, said Israel has sent weapons to the Nicaraguan contras. Israel denied the reports.

CIA AIDING CONTRAS

The CIA was heavily involved in contra operations in the past year, The New York Times reported. Such activities would have been illegal.

NATIONWIDE

FIVE NAMED TO 1988 SHUTTLE CREW

Five veteran astronauts have been named crew members for the first U.S. manned space mission since the Challenger disaster. Their mission will come more than two years after the January 28, 1986 explosion of the space shuttle Challenger. The explosion killed six astronauts and civilian Christa McAuliffe.

NASA announced over the weekend that Mission commander Fredrick Hauck will be joined by Richard Covey, John Lounge, George Nelson and David Hilmers on the flight set for February of 1988.

CAMPAIGN WATCH

A new Time Magazine poll shows 41 percent say "it would be better for the country" if the next President is a Democrat, while 31 percent favor a GOP president, and 19 percent say it makes no difference.

Among Republicans and independents, Vice-President George Bush is favored by 40 percent. The leading Democrat is former Colorado Senator Gary Hart.

WATTS BAR HALTED FOR INSPECTION

TVA nuclear chief Steven White halted all welding work on the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant in the wake of charges that the work already completed is substandard and unsafe. The beleaguered plant is located south of Knoxville. It was not known how long work would be stopped.

AREA TO HONOR DECEASED LEADER

Numerous events and worship services will be held over the next two weeks as part of the second annual federal holiday to commemorate the birthday of Martin Luther King.

Between 8,000 to 10,000 people are expected to march to Legislative Plaza a week from today in commemoration of the slain civil rights leader. Marchers are organizing at six different locations at 10 a.m., including Jefferson Street Baptist Church, before convening at the Legislative Plaza at 11 a.m. January 19, 1987.

There will be featured speakers, music, awards and a special program as part of the day's festivities.

Matter of Opinion

Are we merely human cows or are we men?

My Dear Family:

As I stood in a nearly empty Howard C. Gentry Complex on Wednesday night after watching our basketball Tigers lose to East Tennessee State University, 71-69 the idea for this column came to mind.

For the benefit of those of you who were not there, we were beaten in that game as much by racist, incompetent referees and a shoddy timekeeper as we were by the ragtag assemblage of "mountain boys" and misguided, prostituted black athletes that ETSU fielded against us.

Just before the game, I had a brief and angry debate with the Commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference, a cold, calculating modern day Jim Crow by the name of James Delaney. This idiot had the unmitigated audacity to tell me that he was correct in telling Tennessee State to forfeit our football win over MTSU even though it was not an OVC game.

He laughed at my protests until I told him that I cared nothing for him personally and even less for his pathetic little conference. I further told him that Tennessee State was doing the OVC a favor by bringing its prestigious athletic program to it and that, if it were up to me, we would leave the OVC and allow it to continue on its path to athletic oblivion.

Later that evening, I observed Delaney talking to our President, Dr. Floyd. He seemed so sure of himself, as if he were saying, "You niggers are under my control now." It was then that I thought that there are many of us who actually believe that.

Other than some other students, I was probably the only Black man that was man

GREG CARR
SGA
PRESIDENT



enough to stand in that slavemaster's face and tell him what I thought of him. It is almost as if we are a race of cows; animals destined to live our lives to serve the capricious whims of others who deem themselves our masters.

Let us examine this theory. Cows are animals that live for one purpose; to serve their human owners. They sleep outside, they have to stand in line to eat or be counted, and their every move is dictated by what their owners want them to do.

Their body fluid--milk--is taken by the owner for the owner's sustenance. If the cow cannot give any more milk, then it is killed and the owners eat the meat. No one cares about what cows think or feel--in fact, people assume that cows cannot think or feel. Cows sure aren't going to complain about being kicked around because, above all...cows are docile and meek.

Does this sound like our family at Tennessee State? Let's look at the comparisons:

Black and poor people in this country have one basic purpose; to serve those with money and influence. These "owners" are overwhelmingly white, Anglo-Saxon Protestants.

At Tennessee State, we have been brainwashed into thinking that we are human "cows." We sleep in cold dormitories and teach in cold classrooms--in fact, I am

writing this in a cold SGA office.

We stand in unbearably long lines to register; but we bear them. We eat food that we may not like even though we pay for it, but who cares? We even have our money--which supercedes milk in importance to our "owners"--taken by the school every time we get a little and if we don't have enough and cannot find a way to get any, we are kicked out of school to find our way to America's capitalist dinner table as the menu items of unemployment, minimum wage, poor education and poor living. We become living food for our "owners" kitchen.

Perhaps the most unbearable thing is that we take these things, along with the degradation dealt by such racist entities as the State Board of Regents, the Ohio Valley Conference and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, and do not even complain.

It is almost as if we are so used to it that we have a morbid affection for it.

Well, cows, how do you feel? I am pretty angry. It has been said that the first people who revolt against a system are those who see how the system works to oppress them. I am not so sure, because we can all see how this system oppresses us and we don't do a blessed thing about it.

Over the past few years, we have been told that we are racially non-identifiable, even though we are obviously predominantly Black; we have been told that we need permanent leadership, while we have been given two interim presidents; we have even been told that the OVC did us a favor by letting us in their

conference, even though we made over \$600,000 during our 1986 football season and no OVC school made over \$70,000.

Why is this happening? One reason is because, like cows, many faculty, administrators and Black community people are lip-licking, behind-kissing, tea-sipping cows--docile, meek and blissfully ignorant. They are not profiles in courage for us, rather, they are senior cows trying to show us how to be good junior cows.

Think about that the next time you hear someone you suspect of "cowing" talk about "those days are over" or "you'd better be quiet if you want to survive his world."

I am not angry at these "cows;" I feel sorry for them. It must be horrible to live as an adult, professional Black cow.

Can they be saved? Can our paths be averted so that we will not become the cows of the future? The night of the ETSU game, a white referee tried to put my brother out of the Gentry center for screaming too loud. A cow would have gone and stayed out. My brother came back in to an ovation from his fellow students. They were not afraid to cheer, because we are not cows--yet.

We must continue to educate ourselves and protest cold dormitories, bad food, unfair treatment and social injustices. We must continue to say that "this is our school and you won't turn it into a cow factory." We will learn. We will be angry. We will show our anger and become role models for our elders, and then...my God...we may even cause the extinction of the American Black cow.

Gentry deserved better from President Floyd

Oh my, why Mr. Howard C. Gentry?

It really was sad to see Coach Gentry resign from the acting Athletic Director post over the Christmas break. I could see in his eyes the sorrow over being denied the chance to communicate with interim president Dr. Otis Floyd.

Gentry really did not want to resign, especially at a time when the university needs someone who has a great commitment and deep understanding of athletics. The administration, however, refused to accept Coach Gentry.

Coach Gentry had to read the papers to see all the speculation that he might be

Time Out!
JERRY INGRAM
Editor



replaced. There really is no explanation, why the president should keep an honorable man such as Coach Gentry in the closet.

During his 27-year tenure, TSU enjoyed a "Golden Era" of progress. The athletic teams participated in numerous national and international events. Gentry retired in 1976, but came back to head a shaky athletic

department after the departure of Gale Sayers. He really did not have to return, but he knew that TSU needed him.

It really was touching to see Gentry in his office minutes before the press conference at Gentry Center, the athletic complex named after him.

Gentry said there was a lack of communication between the athletic department and the president's office. This made it hard for the athletic department to function properly.

What does toward Gentry has to prove to anyone? Nothing. He already has proven what he is capable of doing.

He will always be

appreciated at TSU, no matter who is the chancellor of the State Board of Regents, President of TSU or Athletic

Director, because Howard C. Gentry has paid his dues.

Dr. Floyd named Caoch Thomas within 24 hours after Coach Gentry's resignation--a very fishy circumstance. If the president did not want Gentry as AD he could have informed him about what was going on instead of playing mind games.

If Dr. Floyd can name an athletic director within 24 hours, why can't he fill any of these numerous interim deans' positions?

I know why, never mind!

Gentry leaves, but retains love for TSU

By JERRY INGRAM

On Wednesday shortly after 12 noon I delivered a letter to President Floyd requesting that my tenure as acting Athletic Director at Tennessee State University be terminated as of December 31, 1986.

As you are aware, I asked by then Interim President, Dr. Roy Peterson to serve until such time a permanent Athletic Director could be selected and take office. This appointment was for a ninety day period.

In a communication to Chancellor Thomas Garland dated September 30, 1986, Dr. Otis Floyd requested and permission was granted for me to continue as Athletic Director at Tennessee State University until the position was advertised and filled with a permanent Athletic Director.

In a later communication dated October 10, 1986, from Dr. Edward Risby, Executive Assistant to the President and my immediate supervisor, it was stated that, "I look forward to working with you in our effort to adequately fill the position of Athletic Director."

However, upon hearing and reading about the eminence of hiring a permanent Athletic Director and in as much as I know the importance of having a permanent full time athletic director in place to properly administer the program on both a short and long term basis, I felt compelled to take the action that I have taken in order to expedite the process.

When I arrived on the job I felt I needed to do several important things;

1. To help prepare to

receive the inspection teams from the Ohio Valley Conference, as well as to communicate to segments of the student, faculty, staff, alumni and community the values of such an affiliation. This was not an easy task because there were elements in the Department of Athletics as well as in the school and community who were skeptical as to the values of such an affiliation.

Nevertheless, each phase of this responsibility met with success.

2. To bring about improvement in the morale of the Department of Athletics which had deteriorated in the past several years.
3. To complete an unsettled football schedule and

attempt to assist in making it a financial success.

4. To orientate new staff members as to their duties and responsibilities in the Department of Athletics. The events over the past eight months have been very stimulation and gratifying. Too, the long hours of work needed to perform the job have been tiring and at times frustrating. But nonetheless the time has come once more for me to call it a day with hopes that my efforts have not been in vain and that the Tennessee State University Athletic program will continue to move forward and will continue to help in enhancing the mission of Tennessee State University.

Thomas named in 24 hrs., Carey overlooked

By JERRY INGRAM

Tennessee State head football coach William "Bill" Thomas will soon have a lot more responsibilities on his hands in his dual role as football coach and permanent Athletic Director.

Thomas assumed the AD position on December 31.

"I am very happy to have this opportunity to serve the university in this capacity," said Thomas.

He added, "As Athletic Director and head football coach, I plan to do everything possible to make sure the TSU athletic program can continue the traditions developed in the past."

That includes carrying on the duties of the recently

resigned acting Athletic Director Howard Gentry.

Gentry, who had been acting AD for the past seven months resigned December 15th amid rumors of the university officials' hiring someone else in his place.

One day after Gentry's resignation, Thomas was appointed to the post.

"I've enjoyed working with Coach Gentry over the years. He has taught me a great deal about athletics. I will always have nothing but respect for him," said Thomas. Thomas has been head football coach for the Tennessee State Tigers for the past three years and has compiled an impressive 28-6-1 record.

The fact that Thomas has

absolutely no administrative experience seems not to worry his superiors.

Interim President Dr. Otis Floyd, who named Thomas to the AD position within 24 hours of Gentry's resignation, said, "Dr. Risby and I interviewed two people from the Athletic department and decided to appoint Coach William Thomas."

Floyd said, "We wanted someone within the department and we felt with the present budget constraints the dual role of Coach Thomas will be a savings to the University."

The second of the two people Dr. Floyd said were interviewed was former Assistant Athletic Director Johnny Carey. Legendary track coach Ed Temple was also asked

whether he was interested in being AD.

Carey, who has served under five AD's at Tennessee State since 1983, was passed over for the job.

Hard feelings?

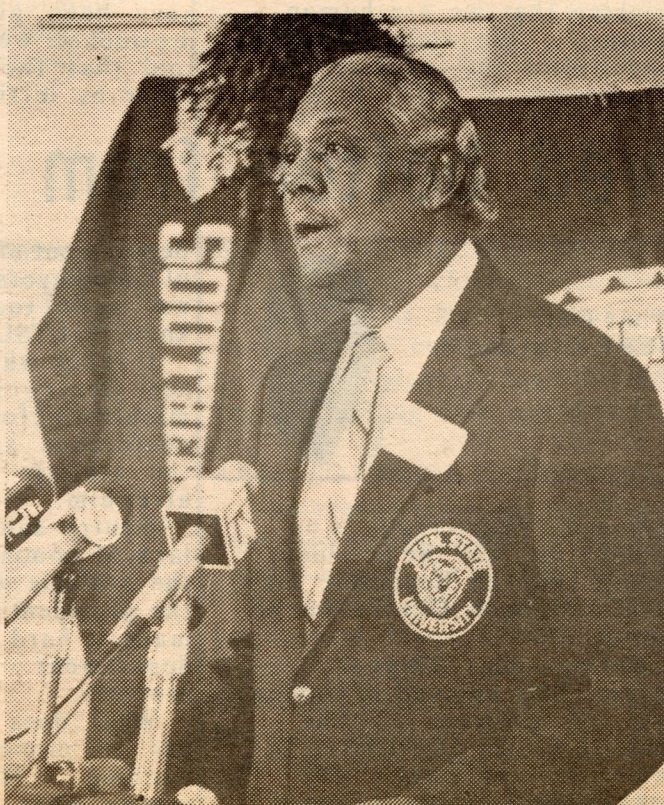
"I don't have any personal feelings towards Mr. Carey. I just wish he would have stayed. I could have used him," said Thomas.

Last year's Athletic Director Search Committee included Carey as one of the final five applicants for the job before the committee was suspended in May.

"I do not have any hard feelings towards Coach Thomas. He just does not have any experience for the job," said Carey a former assistant coach under Ed Martin.



Bill Thomas named new Athletic Director



Coach Howard C. Gentry announced his resignation in Gentry Center, December 16

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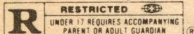
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D.O.E. supports TSU

The Department of Energy in Oak Ridge, Tennessee has presented T.S.U. - Career Development Center with a \$7,000 Grant - Scholarship Award. The award recipients must be outstanding students in Accounting and Business Administration.

Chiquita Mann will be missing from the campus this semester as being selected a recipient of the Grant. Melissa Johnson having worked for D.O.E. this fall will be returning to the classroom this semester with a Scholarship Award.

Mead finds top candidate

Mead Corporation of Dayton, Ohio has implemented a National Minority CO-OP recruitment program. Recruiter Nick Marlin, visited Tennessee State University this past fall to find high achiever Scholarship candidates in Computer Science, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. Selected for the program was Rodney Brown, a Mechanical Engineering Student from Atlanta, Georgia. Rodney will begin his CO-OP assignment this Spring Semester at the Mead Corporation in Atlanta, Georgia.

Coop has new director



Celinda West

A new member has been added to the Career Development Center's staff. Celinda J. West was recently selected as the neo Director of Tennessee State's Cooperative Education program. Ms. West replaces Mr. Rick Moseley, who has moved on to serve as the Acting Director of the Career Development Center.

Celinda is originally from Panama City, Florida, however Tennessee has been her home for over thirteen years.

She moved to Martin, Tennessee and attended The University of Tennessee At Martin where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, August, 1977, and the Masters of Business Administration (MBA), June, 1983. In the fall of 1983, Celinda joined the staff of Cooperative Education and Placement and after two years, was promoted to Director of that program.

Since joining the TSU family, December 1986, Celinda has set several goal, already in progress: to maintain the existing co-op program, to expand the base of qualified co-op candidates, and to increase student, faculty and administration awareness of cooperative education and its benefits.

Celinda J. West will draw skill from several areas of interest including the fine arts, public relations, and communications. Membership with several organizations (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., NAACP, National Council of Negro Women, Tennessee Cooperative Education Association, American Society of Engineering Education, Cooperative Education Division, Southern College Placement Association, Tennessee College Placement Association, etc.) will provide a good foundation in the new position.

In addition to her own skills, Celinda will be able to count on the outstanding secretarial and clerical skills of Ms. Deborah Jackson, graduation senior from Chattanooga. Deborah joined the co-op staff early in December, 1986, and immediately began using her business administration skills in organizing the office.

The staff of the Career Development Center looks forward to working with the student body of TSU and encourages the faculty and staff to get involved in the career preparation process.

G.M. Saturn hires TSU

Charles Stigger a rising sophomore majoring in Electrical Engineering was selected as the first Cooperative Education Student from our University assigned to General Motors Saturn Project.

Charles worked for the G.M. Fisher Guide, Anderson, Indiana Facility this summer.

Students get T.I. experience

Beleta Brannon, a Mechanical Engineering student attending Tennessee State University, was presented a \$500.00 Scholarship from Texas Instrument in Sherman, Texas.

Beleta was awarded this Scholarship for her outstanding performance as CO-OP Student this summer. Beleta was the first student selected by T.I. for a Cooperative Education work assignment.

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January 27, 1987

Place: Downtown Campus - Room #314

Invitation to seniors completing degrees in Business Administration, Accounting, Finance.

Representatives: Mary Horten - Therman Smith

Turner Construction

Turner Construction will have a reception information session at 6:30 p.m. February 10, 1987 in the Blue and White room in the Student Union Building.

Teacher fair

Career Development Center will sponsor with other local surrounding colleges and universities interviewing for students interested in teaching positions for employment opportunities across the nation.

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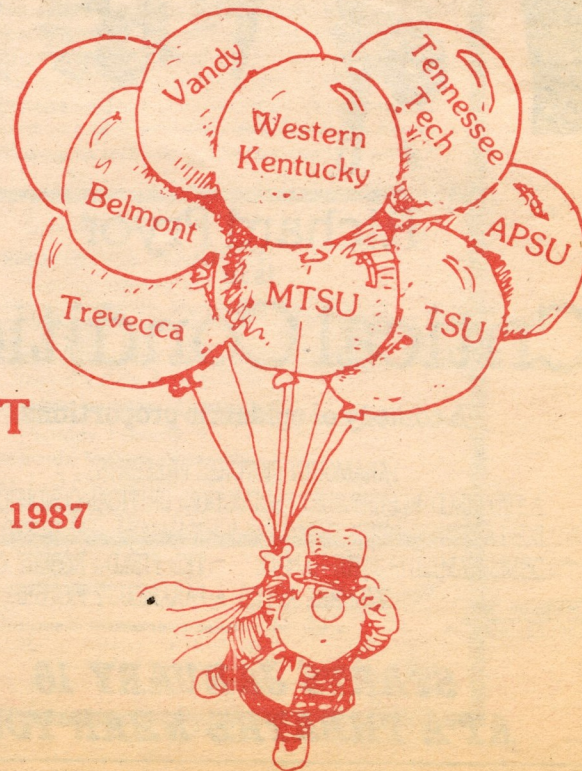
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